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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Rainer BECKER et al

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For: METHOD FOR QUANTITATIVELY DETERMINING THE
WIDTH OF A SOFT ZONE AREA OF A PARTIALLY
HARDENED WORKPIECE

Art Unit: 2862

Examiner: Reena AURORA

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 30, 2008

Sir:

This is in response to the first Office Action of November 13, 2007. Please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Specification and Abstract

Amendments to the Claims

Remarks are included following the amendments